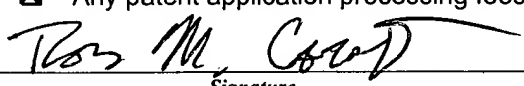

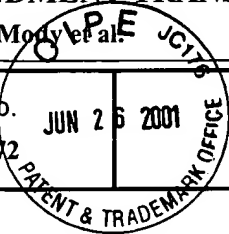


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Please add the following claims:

82. A method of ablating epicardial tissue around the pulmonary veins, comprising the steps of:

providing an elongated flexible tubular member having at least one lumen and a distal end portion;

providing at least one ablation device having at least one ablating element, the at least one ablation device configured to be slidably received within the at least one lumen of the flexible tubular member;

positioning the distal portion of the flexible tubular member in contact with a location on an epicardial surface of the heart;

transluminally positioning the at least one ablation device within the at least one lumen of the flexible tubular member until the at least one ablation element is located at least partially within the distal end portion; and

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